

service funding to total funds and shall continue the corporate outreach program as it operated prior to its cancellation; \$90,000,000 to continue a program of matching grants to drug-free communities, of which \$2,000,000 shall be made available as directed by section 4 of Public Law 107-82, as amended by Public Law 109-469 (21 U.S.C. 1521 note); \$1,000,000 for training and technical assistance for drug court professionals; \$1,000,000 as directed by section 1105 of Public Law 109-469; \$1,000,000 for demonstration programs as authorized by section 1119 of Public Law 109-469; \$9,600,000 for the United States Anti-Doping Agency for anti-doping activities; \$1,700,000 for the United States membership dues to the World Anti-Doping Agency; and \$500,000 for evaluations and research related to National Drug Control Program performance measures: *Provided further*, That such funds may be transferred to other Federal departments and agencies to carry out such activities: *Provided further*, That of the amounts appropriated for a national media campaign, not to exceed 10 percent shall be for administration, advertising production, research and testing, labor, and related costs of the national media campaign.

UNANTICIPATED NEEDS

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For expenses necessary to enable the President to meet unanticipated needs, in furtherance of the national interest, security, or defense which may arise at home or abroad during the current fiscal year, as authorized by 3 U.S.C. 108, \$1,000,000.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to enable the Vice President to provide assistance to the President in connection with specially assigned functions; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 and 3 U.S.C. 106, including subsistence expenses as authorized by 3 U.S.C. 106, which shall be expended and accounted for as provided in that section; and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$4,432,000.

OPERATING EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the care, operation, refurbishing, improvement, and to the extent not otherwise provided for, heating and lighting, including electric power and fixtures, of the official residence of the Vice President; the hire of passenger motor vehicles; and not to exceed \$90,000 for official entertainment expenses of the Vice President, to be accounted for solely on his certificate, \$320,000: *Provided*, That advances or repayments or transfers from this appropriation may be made to any department or agency for expenses of carrying out such activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 201. From funds made available in this Act under the headings "White House Office", "Executive Residence at the White House", "White House Repair and Restoration", "Council of Economic Advisors", "National Security Council", "Office of Administration", "Office of Policy Development", "Special Assistance to the President", and "Official Residence of the Vice President", the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (or such other officer as the President may designate in writing), may, 15 days after giving notice to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, transfer not to exceed 10 percent of any such appropriation to any other such appropriation, to be merged with and available for the same time and for the same purposes as the

appropriation to which transferred: *Provided*, That the amount of an appropriation shall not be increased by more than 50 percent by such transfers: *Provided further*, That no amount shall be transferred from "Special Assistance to the President" or "Official Residence of the Vice President" without the approval of the Vice President.

SEC. 202. The President shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and prior to the initial obligation of funds appropriated under the heading "Office of National Drug Control Policy", a financial plan on the proposed uses of all funds under the heading on a project-by-project basis, for which the obligation of funds is anticipated: *Provided*, That up to 20 percent of funds appropriated under this heading may be obligated before the submission of the report subject to prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations: *Provided further*, That the report shall be updated and submitted to the Committees on Appropriations every six months and shall include information detailing how the estimates and assumptions contained in previous reports have changed: *Provided further*, That any new projects and changes in funding of ongoing projects shall be subject to the prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations.

This title may be cited as the "Executive Office of the President Appropriations Act, 2008".

TITLE III

THE JUDICIARY

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the operation of the Supreme Court, as required by law, excluding care of the building and grounds, including purchase or hire, driving, maintenance, and operation of an automobile for the Chief Justice, not to exceed \$10,000 for the purpose of transporting Associate Justices, and hire of passenger motor vehicles as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1343 and 1344; not to exceed \$10,000 for official reception and representation expenses; and for miscellaneous expenses, to be expended as the Chief Justice may approve, \$66,526,000, of which \$2,000,000 shall remain available until expended.

CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

For such expenditures as may be necessary to enable the Architect of the Capitol to carry out the duties imposed upon the Architect by the Act approved May 7, 1934 (40 U.S.C. 13a-13b), \$12,201,000, which shall remain available until expended.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries of the chief judge, judges, and other officers and employees, and for necessary expenses of the court, as authorized by law, \$27,976,000.

UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries of the chief judge and eight judges, salaries of the officers and employees of the court, services, and necessary expenses of the court, as authorized by law, \$16,544,000.

COURTS OF APPEALS, DISTRICT COURTS, AND OTHER JUDICIAL SERVICES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For the salaries of circuit and district judges (including judges of the territorial courts of the United States), justices and judges retired from office or from regular active service, judges of the United States Court of Federal Claims, bankruptcy judges, magistrate judges, and all other officers and

employees of the Federal Judiciary not otherwise specifically provided for, and necessary expenses of the courts, as authorized by law, \$4,660,590,000 (including the purchase of firearms and ammunition); of which not to exceed \$27,817,000 shall remain available until expended for space alteration projects and for furniture and furnishings related to new space alteration and construction projects.

AMENDMENT NO. 35 OFFERED BY MR. CUELLAR

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 35 offered by Mr. CUELLAR:

Page 33, line 11, insert after the dollar figure the following: "(increased by \$10,000,000)".

Page 41, line 10, insert after the dollar figure the following: "(reduced by \$10,000,000)".

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. CUELLAR. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First of all, I want to thank Chairman JOSE SERRANO and Ranking Member RALPH REGULA for their leadership in bringing this appropriation bill forward.

My amendment is simple. Working with my colleague Mr. TED POE, it strives to alleviate the strain that we have on the Federal district courts along the U.S.-Mexico border. In recent years, the rising number of criminal immigration cases has created considerable strain to those Federal district courts. For those courts, the percentage of criminal cases have gone to upward of 70 percent of the criminal caseload that they have. The average Federal judge in a border district court sees 306.5 criminal cases per year compared with the national average of 83 cases a year.

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The subsequent backlog has impeded the ability of the district courts to process cases in a timely manner. This backlog will only be increased with the additional funding and emphasis put into the border enforcement by Congress.

The backlog has hindered the due process for U.S. citizens and immigrants. Many defendants have fallen through the cracks, as it can take up to a year to receive judicial action. It is important that our Nation's court system not be overextended by the lack of judges.

This bipartisan amendment is a companion to the legislation I introduced, H.R. 1909, the Federal Criminal Immigration Courts Act of 2007. That legislation utilizes the recommendations of the 2007 judicial conference to increase the number of Federal judgeships in those district courts most impacted by immigration cases.